Date	Place	Members Present
		Shri Amal Kumar Das, Member Dr. E. V. Mani, Member Shri C. Ramaswamy, Member Shri G. L. Swamy, Member Shri S. R. Acharyya, Secretary
6-12-92	New Delhi	Dr. G. B. Rao, President, in the Chair Shri B. D. Bose, Vice-President Shri P. D. Phadke, Member Shri Harijiban Banerjee, Member Shri V. B. Behede, Member Shri Amal Kumar Das, Member Shri V. R. Iyer, Member Shri V. Kalyanaraman, Member Dr. E. V. Mani, Member Shri J. K. Puri, Member Shri N. P. Sukumaran, Member Shri K. R. S. Sastry, Member Smt. Sudha Pillai, Member Shri C. Ramaswamy, Member Smt. Usha Sahajpal, Member Shri G. L. Swami, Member Shri S. R. Acharyya, Secretary

Cases before criminal court

3253. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN :
SHRI J. S. RAJU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is aware that even petty cases in criminal court takes years together for disposal ; if so, what plans Government have got to speed up the judicial machinery for speedy justice ;

(b) whether Government is aware that the investigating machinery of criminal cases has dwindled to a zero point; and

(c) if so, what are the plans of the Government to gridle up speedy investigation and speedy justice to the litigants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) to (c) The Government is aware of the delays in disposal of cases in courts as well as the need for toning up the investigative machinery. A Conference of Chief Ministers was specifically convened in November, 1992 to take stock of the problems in administration of Criminal Justice. The Chief Ministers acknowledged and emphasized the importance of inducting new scientific techniques and modern methods of investigation.

Vacancy of High Court Judges

3254. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN :
SHRI J. S. RAJU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts of High Court Judges which are lying vacant, Statewise;

(b) how many are 6 months old, 1 year old and 6 years old;

(c) what action Government have taken to fill these posts to avoid pendency of cases; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps which have not complied with the norms of appointment in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) The requisite information is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The process of consultation among the concerned constitutional authorities for filling up the existing vacancies is on.